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Summary**

International Map Year, an initiative launched by the International Cartographic Association and supported and endorsed by the United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific, the Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies and the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management was marked, from August 2015 to December 2016, by a number of additional cartographic and toponymic activities, such as map days and exhibitions and publications. Considerable extra awareness was thus generated throughout society worldwide about cartography, toponymy and geographical information systems.

Special attention is given in the report to the popular e-book, *The World of Maps*, produced for International Map Year, which has been translated into five languages and can be downloaded free of charge from the International Cartographic Association website, making it accessible to most of the world's population. The paper includes sample chapters from two of the different language versions.

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